

Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes  
Lebanon, Connecticut  
October 19, 2015

Present: Ellen Bauwens, Jane Cady, James Donnelly, Darlene Hathaway, Bonnie LeBlanc

Absent: Russell Blakeslee, Geri McCaw, Marion Russo

Also attending: Darcy Battye as Senior Center Director and Municipal Agent

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chairman Bonnie LeBlanc.

Approval of Minutes: James Donnelly moved the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting be approved as written and distributed. Seconded by Darlene Hathaway. Approved with one abstention.

Correspondence: Letter from the Board of Selectmen requesting Commission on Aging meeting dates in 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Darcy Battye reported that all categories and amounts in the most recent financial report were correct; 74% of the Van budget remains and 76% for the Senior Center.

Reports:

1. Coordinator and Municipal Agent. Ms. Battye reported Oktoberfest had over 90 participants. The flu clinic had 70. There were 16 participants for the free Tai Chi on Monday and Wednesday. The pneumonia/shingles shots this week have 15 registered. The Optimizing Social Security seminar next week has a total of 64 over a three day period. The Historical Society will have their retreat at the Senior Center this weekend. Transportation is going well, even though she had to fill in for sick workers.
2. Bingo. Jane Cady reported today's bingo had 39 players and it was going well.
3. Trips. Ms. Battye reported Marion Russo was planning a November meeting on a trip to Nashville/Mephis, as well as a pot luck dinner in January for the travelers.
4. Whist. Ms. Cady will be coordinating for October 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. Friends of the Lebanon Senior Center. Ms. Battye indicated that a position on the board was open. Also, the group is preparing for their holiday fair on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Luncheon. Dalonee and friends will cook.

Old Business:

1. Public Use of the Senior Center. Chairman LeBlanc and Ms. Battye met with the selectmen and went over their concerns regarding the public use of the center. Some concerns still remain and gates may need to be installed. It was agreed no action would be taken by the Commission until written confirmation was received that the governmental building grants allowed for non-seniors to use the facilities.

New Business:

1. Term Expirations. The terms of Ms. Bauwens, Ms. Hathaway and Mr. Donnelly will expire in January. Tabled to the next meeting.
2. 2016 Meeting Dates. Chairman LeBlanc will develop a schedule.
3. First Quarter Budgets. Ms. Cady moved to accept the verbal report on the first quarter spending of the senior center and senior transportation budgets as presented by Ms. Battye. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly. Approved.
4. Vacant COA position. Ms. Cady moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Elizabeth Shilosky as the new member to the Commission on Aging. Seconded by Ms. Hathaway. Approved.
5. Transportation Clerk Position. Ms. Cady moved to approve the job description for the Transportation Clerk position as written and distributed, for Monday through Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and to request from the Board of Selectmen to advertise the position. Seconded by Ms. Hathaway. Approved.
6. Other New Business. Ms. Battye asked for input from the Commission on the request by seniors to have a Wellness Trip to the Block Island Ferry. Consensus agreed individuals could arrange for the van to take them to and from the dock in New London, but it could not be an organized wellness trip since it was out of state.

Public Forum: No activity.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Donnelly. Seconded by Ms. Cady.  
Approved unanimously at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Bauwens, Secretary